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I have been remiss in not notifying the editor of the Gidgegram, that I am no longer resident at Gidgegannup in the Shire of Swan and am therefore unavailable to assist with JP duties within the community.  
Please remove my name from the Services and Contacts page of the Gidgegram, to avoid inconvenience to locals looking for the services of a JP.

Thank you for your assistance. Max O'Dea

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## Gidge Recreation Club News

Unfortunately, the news this month is not happy news!  
On Friday 14th June between 10pm and Saturday morning  
The Recreation Club was vandalised.

The Vandals destroyed 2 picnic tables and partially tore the men's urinal of the wall. It is disappointing that in the short term there will be less seating for many people who come to watch football games, and other recreational events.

These will be fixed, however the funds required to repair the damage comes at the expense of other projects.

If you saw anything unusual, please pass the information onto the police.

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### COMING EVENTS

Friday Nights - Come down and become a member.  
The Bar opens at 6pm.

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### SMALL FARM FIELD DAY

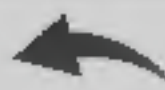
What an amazing day we had. The weather was glorious. The entertainment was fantastic and the visitors poured in throughout the day. There was so much livestock for people to see and learn information about, alpacas, goats, sheep, cattle. The Poultry Pavilion was busy all day. The new garden section was extremely popular and we will probably expand that next year. It is in such a great setting with the Bush around. The Honey Festival was packed as was the Olive/Slow Food Movement Festival. All the talk venues were busy. The Food and Wine Pavilion was full up every time we passed.

Lots of photos up on our fb site and we will be putting some up on the website as well.

We have had our Debriefing meeting and the ideas are flying for next year. We would love to have your feedback and would like to thank everyone who came along on the day. Visitors, exhibitors, volunteers - without you there would be no event. Thank you to our supporters, The Countryman Newspaper, The City of Swan and the Mundaring Community Bank. Back now to our properties and catching up on all the things that somehow got dumped as the Field Day approached.

*Also huge thanks to our volunteers because without them, there wouldn't be an event.*

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# Gidge Gossips *By Sally Block*

The good news is that it didn't rain on the Field Day but since then we have had a magnificent 174mm with more rain forecast this coming week. In total 246mm for the year so far. The Wooreloo Brook, rather belatedly, appeared on our property on 11th June and the Equitus is now creeping through, mainly fed by a winter stream from our downstream neighbour's property. Hopefully we will get run off into the dams soon. Our bore held up amazingly.

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The livestock have survived the long drought but we are still hand feeding although with paddocks beginning to grow we have decreased the rate.

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Feed is a problem still for many with hay so scarce and three months until the next season's crop. We just have to hang on in there and hope the rain and the sunshine continues. It appears now that some of the Eastern Coast is now having problems with lack of rain and properties turning to dust. Hopefully autumn rains will help them out.

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Now the problem is getting to work on the garden. Some plants have recovered and some most definitely have not. We will give them a chance until Spring then get to work with the chainsaw.

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The Field Day was a great day and now that is done and dusted we can look forward to the Gidge Show. Don't forget, if you can help out, get in touch with the Committee. We need these events especially when the year hasn't been that great.

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A farewell to Anne and Alan at the Newsagents. They did an amazing job for our community over the years and kept working on as long as they could. They deserve our gratitude and thanks and best wishes for a long retirement.

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The new owners are busy giving the shop a makeover. Quite a job when they are also maintaining postal services to the community.

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Interesting that we may be moving to a new Federal seat and a fascinating name "Bullwinkel" read up on Vivian Bullwinkel, a very courageous lady. This will include outer metro areas and inner regional areas. A move perhaps to make the Inner Regional areas a part of the larger metro area with the population growth now and probably in the future. This has been a gradual move over the past few years. This again raises the timetable for EastLink.

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Next year's elections will also be a time to farewell Jessica Shaw, our State Member, as she leave us for pastures greener. Namely Green Energy. Thanks to Jessica for all the work she has done for us over the years and best wishes for the future.

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State Government appears to be taking over to a large extent from Local Government on the Planning front. This is rather a shame, as although, there are reasons for this. It means that our representatives in Local Government have less say on issues which directly affect ratepayers. The argument would seem to be that we elect our Councillors and they are more across what the community needs and wishes for. Ok not important, to politicians but very important to ratepayers who have to live with the fallout from planning decisions that can affect them greatly. Maybe a thought for those in power with elections next year?

## And the joke

A man goes out with his friends for the night. Before he leaves he tells his wife, "I promise I will be home by midnight." Midnight comes and goes. He finally arrives home at about 3 AM. As he walks in he realizes the cuckoo clock is about to go off. As it begins to go off he has a flash of genius and decides to coo another 9 times. He sneaks in to bed satisfied with himself.

The next morning he wakes up and his wife has breakfast made. She doesn't seem to be mad. Satisfied with himself he asks her, "You sleep okay last night?"

She replies, "Yeah, but we need a new cuckoo clock." He asks her why and she tells him, "Last night it cooed 3 times. Then it yelled, 'Crap!' It cooed another 6 times and giggled a little bit. Finally it cooed 3 more times, farted, and tripped on the carpet."

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Next Meetings: 115th July (AGM) 2024 at 7.30pm at the Agricultural Hall.

## DROUGHT RESILIENCE PLANS:

Response to our email:

*To follow up our conversation over the phone re -Drought Resilience Funding Plan, I do apologise for the delay in responding to your email. Your inquiry and concerns have been noted. In response to your enquiry, please see the below:*

- Water Corporation does not provide water services to the Gidgegannup townsire, and residents are responsible for maintaining their own supply of drinking water.
- All Western Australians living in bushfire prone areas, whether they have their own drinking water supply or are connected to Water Corporation's networks, cannot rely on accessing scheme water during a bushfire incident.
- This is because Water Corporation schemes are not designed to provide water for firefighting purposes and therefore are not guaranteed to meet this demand.
- Water Corporation may be required to restrict firefighting supply to ensure connected customers receive a water service.
- Similarly, Water Corporation does not guarantee water availability at standpipes for use by tanker operators to supply homes and businesses not connected to scheme water. Water Corporation may allow the draw from standpipes to ensure water supply is sufficiently maintained to connected customers.
- It is important for all Western Australians living in bushfire prone areas to be prepared and plan to stay safe in the event of a fire. For more information, please visit the Department of Fire

and Emergency's website,

<https://mybushfireplan.wa.gov.au/emergency-resources>.

- Regarding the tanker operators' waiting times, as the agreement between tanker operators and their customers is a private arrangement, Water Corporation is not aware of the timeframes involved to receive water.

• Water Corporation does not have services in Gidgegannup and is not aware of programs or grants via the City of Swan or other agencies (excluding the Regional Drought Resilience Planning Program) to help hills residents with their water supplies.

Additionally,

- Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) administers the Community Water Supply Partnerships Program (CWSPP) that provides grant funding for local government and community groups for projects to improve off-farm water supply capacity, reduce the reliance on scheme water and support the irrigation of public open spaces.

• The CWSPP covers local government areas within the dryland agricultural area that receive less than 600 mm annual average rainfall.

• In April 2024, the State Government announced that \$1.5 million will be provided to extend the CWSPP to more regional communities as part of the dry season response support initiatives.

• Up to \$100,000 can be provided for each off-farm community water supply project, developed by local government or community groups on a co-contribution basis. Water security can be boosted through new water tanks and infrastructure for emergency farm and firefighting community water supplies, as well as public amenity projects in regional communities. Applications for the extended program will open in mid-May.

So, there you have it, no assistance except on a co-contribution basis. Ok too late this year but we are more than happy to lobby State Government on this. The Hills certainly appear to be left out in a lot of these "feel good" schemes!

## WATER MINING IN THE DARLING RANGES

Report: It seems that there are 2 aspects to solving the problem of water mining for use in bottled water in the unproclaimed areas in the Perth Hills:

1. Stopping any further proposals getting the go ahead.
2. Doing something to stop or at least constrain the already operating businesses. Both of these aspects need as far as possible a legal solution.

The Shire of Serpentine Jarrahdale have found a way to stop any new water mining projects of this nature from being approved. They have done this through their Local Town Planning Scheme and Strategy which devolve from State planning legislation and the Metropolitan Planning Scheme. I have added a brief description of their strategy below. I did suggest that one way forward was for other Shires/Cities with unproclaimed areas in the Perth Hills to look at the S3 Shire Strategy a to see if it was one they could adopt. However, the Roleystone group decided that they want to concentrate on

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doing something about the existing businesses that are pumping water for bottling in their area by presenting a petition to parliament and writing to the Minister for Water. There was also some cynicism about whether the bigger Shires would take much notice of what the SJ Shire had done. I still think that this aspect of the problem is important and that it needs to be a coordinated approach.

The second aspect – what to do about existing businesses in this area is a difficult matter. The first thing we would be inclined to do is to look at all their contracts or other forms of permission. A lot of this seems to be a bit ad hoc and contained in various documents, not necessarily in one contract document. Once these documents are pulled together for each of these existing businesses then the best idea may be to get a barrister that specialises in local government law and contracts to give an opinion on possible avenues to pursue. If the cost is spread over shires it might not be too costly for each individual shire.

Once these avenues have been pursued then we think the Minister can be pressured to fill any gaps by using the Minister's powers under the Water Agencies (Powers) Act 1984 (WA). Perhaps their allocation could be cut back by the same percentage as the decrease in runoff over the last 30 years.

Thanks too Serpentine-Jarrahdale for this over view. Not a problem we have experienced yet but well worth keeping an eye on it.

### GIDGEGANNUP MENS SHED

To Gidgegannup Showground Stakeholders,

The Gidgegannup Showground community groups have a long history whilst Gidgegannup Men's Shed (GMS), which was born out of the 2021 Wooroloo bush fires, has just commenced its journey. As a not-for-profit organisation with charitable status, we have a long way to go to establish a stable and viable environment upon which to operate. Our temporary Gidgegannup Agriculture Society (GAS) facility within the Ian Standard Pavilion (ISP) has been greatly appreciated and we look forward to our continued use of the facility whilst we develop

plans to build our own shed.

Activities include mosaics, metal work, woodwork, mechanical/fabrication, music and men's chat on a Tuesday evening. Our members are using the ISP between 140 to 150 person hours in total per week.

GMS continues its efforts to establish its own purpose-built shed and trailer garage, which would be better suited to its operations. The new committee has scaled back on previous plans for a 1200m<sup>2</sup> shed and has agreed that around a 500m<sup>2</sup> shed would be adequate for GMS operations now and into the future.

We would seek your organisation's written support in our endeavours for our new proposal to build the Shed in the Showgrounds on the unused tennis courts site. We will liaise closely with all Showground Stakeholders throughout this process to ensure complete transparency and look forward to working closely with you for the mutual benefit of our organisations and the community.

Please review the architectural plans here:

<http://gidgegannupmensshed.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/GMS-architectural-set-20240522-1.pdf>

If you would like to comment on our proposed plans, community groups and clubs are requested to issue a single consolidated response (one from each group), clearly marked with your organisation's name and nominated contact details to:

[communications@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au](mailto:communications@gidgegannupmensshed.org.au). The cut-off date is Friday, 7 June 2024.

The GPA has supported this initiative.

Update: After months of work by the shed design subcommittee and the project team, spearheaded by President Andrew Brine, a formal proposal was submitted to the Planning Department of the City of Swan on June 7, 2024. This proposal outlined plans for the construction of a facility for the Gidgegannup Men's Shed.

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The new shed should be completed toward the end of 2025. Click on the link to read to full story:

<https://gidgegannupmensshed.org.au/shed-development/>

## RUBBISH AND ROADS:

### From Member to City of Swan:

There's been a thin mattress on The Springs Rd for at least 3 or 4 months, nobody has bothered to collect it. Also within the last couple of days, there's been a load of rubbish dumped on the south-east corner of the bridge across the Gidgegannup Brook, on Reen Road, just off Toodyay Rd, it seems to include some sheets of metal, possibly the roof of something. Possibly fallen off a trailer, the road surface is very rough there, and wasn't completed properly when the bridgework was done last, there is a noticeable drop and it's very bumpy. At a recent GPA meeting to discuss problems with Gidgestock, we residents of Reen Road were assured that the edges of Reen Rd had been "fixed" before the last event in October 2023. This is not correct, as the road edges from about 5km from Toodyay Rd, to past Treechange Rise, were not completed until after the event. While the crews were still working on the road edges, I reported that they had somehow gone over the edge of some already-completed work, about 4.5km from Toodyay Rd, and taken out large chunks of the edge of the road, on both sides. This was not acted upon (now there's a surprise!) and the rough holes in the road edges have got larger as a result. Also there are now potholes in the middle of Reen Road, in several places, noticeably, but not only, at the same place, aprx 4.5km from Toodyay Rd, on the steep slope next to where the bad holes along the edges are.

The edges of Reen Road just north of the bridge over Gidge Brook are still very rough, and sharp, on the bend which goes past The Springs Rd. This has been reported numerous times, but nothing has been done about it, apart from very rough bits of patching up, which doesn't make things any better.

Also on the steep parts of Reen Road, because of water run-off from the January storms, the edges have reverted to being sharp, with deep ruts, meaning that every time we have to go off the road because of an oncoming vehicle in the middle of the road, especially large vehicles such as school buses, horse floats, trucks, caravans etc, we run the risk of damaging our tyres. And we know from past experience, that to complain

and try to get CoS to do something about damage to cars/tyres, just gets the response, claim on your insurance.

It seems to me that those of us who have lived in Reen Road, and who have paid rates for many years get very little back from our rates, at least in the area of road maintenance and repair. I wonder if any of the councillors, who assure us that the road surface is regularly checked, actually come and drive along it and check for themselves.

### Response from City:

I have provided your feedback and concerns to the City of Swan's Construction and Maintenance team, who have provided clarity on this issue.

The condition of Reen Road has recently been assessed as part of the City's periodic inspection program. Some shoulder improvement has been identified as part of this activity, which will be addressed as part of scheduled maintenance in the area. The works are planned to commence next week.

I trust that this information, in addition to the upcoming scheduled works, will address your concerns and resolve the issues that you have raised

## END OF RESTRICTED BURNING AUTUMN 2024

The autumn 2024 Restricted Burning Time for City of Swan has ended. Unless delayed or brought forward due to seasonal conditions the next Restricted Burning Time is scheduled to start Tues 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2024

No permits to Burn are required between the end of the Autumn and beginning of Spring Restricted Burning Times, however landholders remain fully responsible for safe management and for the consequences of any negative impact of their burning, including from smoke (especially on roads). Emergency Services have the power to order extinguishment of any burning reasonably deemed unsafe or illegal, and to extinguish themselves if the landholder is unable or

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unwilling to do so. Responsibly managing burning, and being able to demonstrate that you are doing so, will avoid any such action.

Refer to the BurnSmart Guide

<https://publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications/burn-smart-guide-2021>

City of Swan specific advice is available from the City of Swan website <https://www.swan.wa.gov.au/services-and-community/emergency-management/bushfire> and through your local brigades.

You might also be interested in the online Rural Fire Awareness course, aimed at landholders/farmers who haven't had any brigade training

<https://publications.dfes.wa.gov.au/publications/course-information-online-rural-fire-awareness>

You are only allowed to burn natural vegetation for hazard reduction purposes, deadfall from trees etc, for agricultural activities, and dry garden refuse etc.

You are NOT allowed to burn materials from land development eg clearing building sites, roads etc, if in doubt contact the City of Swan for advice. A clearing permit does NOT authorise burning – the material must be disposed of by other means. Seek advice from the City of Swan regarding this.

You NOT allowed to burn any plastics, household rubbish, treated timber, building/demolition waste or hazardous materials - If brigades get called out to this type of burn Rangers WILL be advised for further action – no exceptions.

Residents/landholders are reminded that burning, including sometimes larger bush burns for hazard reduction purposes, is "normal business" at this time of year, so please apply a bit of common sense in deciding whether to report it by dialling 000. Essentially is it likely to pose a risk to the community? Is the burn registered with DFES? You can check this on the EmergencyWA app.

While it is not compulsory to do so during the "unrestricted" time (except DBCA as below), responsible landholders will advise adjoining properties in advance, and also register the burn with DFES on 9395 9209 just before lighting up,

especially for larger burns which might attract attention or concern. Once registered the burn will appear on the EmergencyWA app. It also enables DFES to appropriately "filter" 000 calls, including by contacting the person(s) who have registered burns in the area. You can check on EmergencyWA website to see if it is registered.

Taking these measures can significantly reduce turnouts by Emergency Services including our local volunteers. Emergency Services MUST respond if DFES makes the decision to turn them out as a result of a 000 call

Land holders are required at ANY time of year by the CALM Act to notify DBCA if burning is to occur on any land which adjoins DBCA (Parks and Wildlife) managed land – includes DBCA land across a road, rail or stream reserve

Landholders are also required to comply with any legal restrictions on burning due to Environmental and Heritage considerations including, the onus is on YOU to check with the relevant agencies

- protection of rare/endangered flora, sensitive areas, not breaching clearing regulations or other environmental requirements etc – DBCA are the relevant agency

- Heritage protections including Aboriginal Cultural Heritage – DPLH are the relevant agency for enquiries

City of Swan and Brigades (due to legal advice) may only give you very general advice re the environmental/heritage constraints on burning on your property, but not whether your particular property has individual constraints – the legal obligation rests with you!

#### FEDERAL REDISTRIBUTION OF BOUNDARIES

The Redistribution Committee for Western Australia today published its report proposing names and boundaries for the state's federal electoral divisions. The Chair of the Committee and Electoral Commissioner said the Western Australian redistribution was required to enable an increase from 15 to 16 federal electoral divisions. "Under the proposal, the boundaries of all of Western Australia's existing electoral divisions would change and the additional Division of Bullwinkel would be created," he said.

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"Ongoing population growth in parts of Western Australia has led the Redistribution Committee to propose a number of substantial changes to the state's electoral division. The consultative nature of the redistribution process continues, with individuals and organisations now able to submit feedback to the Redistribution Committee's proposed divisions. Written objections can agree or disagree with any aspect of the proposal. They must be lodged no later than 6pm AWST on Friday 28 June 2024. The best way to submit feedback is online but it can also be submitted via:

- Email Fed.Redistribution-WA@ae.gov.au
- Post – Australian Electoral Commission (Att: WA Redistribution Secretariat), Locked Bag 4007, Canberra ACT 2601
- Fax - 02 6125 9971
- In person – Level 1, 15-17 William Street, Perth. All input received by the deadline will be available for public inspection on the redistributions website and at Level 1, 15-17 William Street, Perth (business hours only) from Monday 1 July 2024. Further comments will then be accepted until 6pm AWST on Friday 12 July 2024.

#### LOCAL PLANNING SCHEME LPS 18

A draft document has now been approved by Council and sent to the WAPC for their comment. This will come back to Council and will then be advertised for public comment.

Please take the time to read this document and make comment. This planning scheme will affect you and your property. We are still getting evidence of where LPS 17 is not living up to community expectations or protecting the community from inappropriate development.

Council try their best but their hands are tied sometimes by the directions of SAT (not an elected body) which can have a significant adverse effect on our community.

#### STATE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL - S.31 RECONSIDERATION - REFUSAL OF INDUSTRY - EXTRACTIVE - LOT 201 (NO.165) REEN ROAD, GIDGEGANNUP (DA920-22)

This came before Council on 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. The GPA and residents made deputations at the Agenda Forum on 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2024. Written deputations were also made and some residents attended the meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> June to ask questions. We were completely taken aback when our ward Councillors moved a motion to approve this Extractive Industry on Landscape zoned land.

The reason appears to be that SAT had informally let it be known that City of Swan were not going to win this one, and that the change of position by our Councillors was to reflect that "reality" and to reduce pressure on what is now a huge legal budget for the City.

So Gidgegannup sold down the river for \$60000. We were supported by other Councillors who argued the environmental grounds and the fact that this decision has destroyed the credibility of the Gidgegannup Rural Strategy. All Landowners who own land zoned under this Strategy now need to be aware that there is a potential for anyone to do the same thing and carry on uses not permitted on their land. Also no bonds were imposed for revegetation or restoration of land form. None for damage/upkeep to local roads. The reason for this is that the City does not do bonds any longer. Too hard to administer and a burden on the applicant. Where, one asks, does the ratepayer stand in all this? Pay up and shut up!

This is likely to cost the City far more than the projected \$60000 for another visit to SAT. This decision has the

potential to devalue surrounding properties and impinge on the enjoyment of those landowners of their property. The Landowner of Lot 201 does not live in Gidgegannup and will not be affected at all.

#### AGM

The GPA AGM will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2024. We need more community members to be actively involved in our Group to ensure that Gidgegannup remains the great place we live in. You can take part by getting involved. Not absolutely necessary to attend all meetings. We do have a pretty good membership who we only hear from when they need our help or feel that their view needs to be heard. We do have a facebook page where you can be kept informed of what we are doing and of issues that affect the community, **Gidgegannup Progress Association**. We want to hear from you and get your view on the many issues that affect Gidgegannup.



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# New pastures attract new pests

## Around the Paddock by The Farmer

Finally, as winter is now upon us, some handy rain has fallen and by the looks of it, more is on the way. The stock dams and rain water tanks have now got some water in them and this certainly alleviates a problem that was worrying many people a short time ago.

Being a carter one has to have a gripe about the weather. Too wet to finish off any top dressing of the paddocks. Too wet to finish off the seeding for hay. Too wet to drive across some parts of the paddocks.

But, the sun will shine and these tasks will be completed. The big question is of course, will there be the finishing rains in a few months to get the crops and pasture to acceptable levels?

It is important to keep an eye on livestock now the weather has cooled off. Hay is still hard to source, but they need to be kept up to a healthy standard to get through these cooler months.

If you have paddocks where rotational grazing can be undertaken, then this is one way of getting the best out of a limited green pick for this time of the year.

Once the paddock grasses/clovers have reached a sustainable level top dressing with either a liquid or granular fertiliser should be undertaken.

For those of us who are breeding for the red meat market, it is a sad scenario at present. Input costs are not being reflected in the sale yard prices that are being achieved at present.

There is also the added costs of transport, selling commission and stock yard fees. These add up to a considerable amount when the returns are so limited.

If you have planted or are in the process of planting a hay crop, keep in mind a clean and level paddock is what should be achieved for hay cutting.

Pick up any pieces of wood, stones and what I have noticed lately is baling twine left on the ground.

If a paddock roller is available this is a easy way of getting rid of the smaller stones and pieces of wood.

To get the best results for a hay crop, it needs to be fed. A quantity slow release fertiliser for oats or wheat at a decent rate per acre/hectare is a good start.

After about six weeks a decent dose of urea will give it the boost to get the very best results.

Of course all of this can only happen if there is sufficient rain.

Vermin love these newly sprouting crops.

Pink and grey gausha, rabbits, ducks and other birds can have a devastating effect on the new crops.

Ducks and rabbits in particular can make a serious hole in the crops until the growth can outstrip their munching.

Kangaroos are a major source of crop damage also, as they can flatten large areas.

If you suffer from an over supply of them, then perhaps a professional kangaroo shooter could be employed, to help keep the numbers down.

Also, check emerging crops for any snail and mice presence in germinating crops.

These pests can be baited, but be cautious of any dogs and poultry that may have a free run of the baited area.

Dead pets or poultry is not the way to go.

So, what is now needed is some rain and sunny days to get everything off to a flying start.

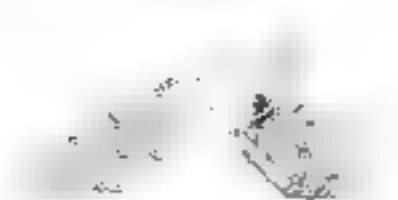
**New born animals**

If you have new born animals, it is imperative that there is adequate shelter to protect them from the cool to cold winds that blow at this time of the year.

The antics of lambs and calves in the early days/weeks of their lives can be very amusing to watch, but it is best to keep pets and children at a safe distance to observe all of this.

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## Livestock Stewards

I believe a few people will share his role (more details next month). Should be fun just looking at the goat photo on the back page.

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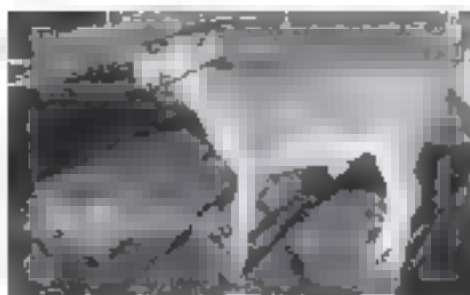


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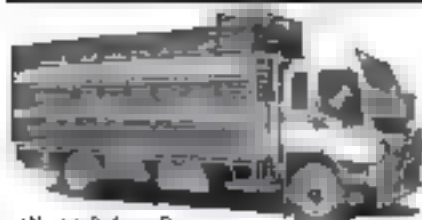


Tie your calf up. It will probably object, may fight and may fall down but after a while it will realise that this isn't the end of the world and come forward to take the pressure off its head. All good. Tie the calf up, handle it all over and maybe offer a small handful of feed if you're milking the mother. Otherwise, tying up a few times a week to start with, with a little feed as a reward, will set the pattern for future safe handling.

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CWA Gidgegannup was established in 1953 and we currently have 26 members, one of which is a daughter of a founding member Mrs L. Carvell. We are more than just "oldies" sitting, knitting and drinking tea. We actually have a large range of ages within our community branch ranging from teens to 90 years. I Sara Heffer at 52, am the current President of CWA Gidgegannup and am considered one of the youngsters. We at CWA Gidgegannup share strong values for our community and we are here to support where ever needed. Providing food, clothing, volunteering at the local school and supporting our community through any crisis are just some of the services we provide. I would like to welcome you to CWA Gidgegannup if it be for a look at our local craft shop or just sit, have a cuppa and make new friends. We meet Tuesday nights for those ladies who work during the day between 6:30 pm - 8:30pm and Wednesdays and Fridays between 10:00am - 2:00pm in our rooms located in the Gidgegannup Showgrounds. We currently have a display at the Local City of Swan Rural Office located on Toodyay Rd near the Bakery, if you would like to wonder over to see a sneak peak of what work we do as we are much more than just a cup of tea. We look forward to meeting you.

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## East Gidge Bush Fire Brigade

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Our Brigade will be holding its Annual General Meeting at our Station on Saturday 20th July from 18.00hrs.**

**WHEN:** Saturday 20th July commencing at 18.00hrs  
**WHERE:** Brigade Station, 2071 Toodyay Road, corner of Toodyay Road and Percy Cullen Oval Access Road  
**WHAT:** Reports on our activities over the last 12 months will be given and election of Office Bearers for the next year will take place.

*A light dinner will be provided*

# Gidge SHOW

**The last Saturday in October!**

## Let's start bottlin' & picklin'

Section N - Home Produce

Marmalade - 4 varieties

Jams - 6 varieties

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Lemon & Fruit Butter

Preserved Fruit/vegetables AU

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Chutney, Relish

Tomato, Chilli or Sauce AU

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Dips for Tacos

Entries \$2 - Prize \$10



All jars to be clear glass with plain removable lids  
 Any variety olive description labels 30ml minimum  
 All foods to be free of food colouring  
 Classes N01 - N04 per maximum 20kg



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## Join up - become a member

The annual Gidge Show gives our community an opportunity to develop a sense of belonging and a chance to showcase what we have to offer both locals and visitors. A large membership is vital to keep this event on the map. The 2024 committee will have a lot to do and finding new members to support us is a priority, so if you have a few hours to spare, please become a member or renew your membership and let the committee know.

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